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Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request 8

Date of Meeting: 10/29/2002 **Date Submitted:** 10/24/2002

TO:

Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

FROM:

Parwez Alam, County Administrator

Vincent Long, Assistant County Administrator

SUBJECT:

Approval of Contracts with Consultants for 2003 State Lobbying Services

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

This agenda item requests Board approval of the contracts for 2003 state lobbying services with the Board's selected consultants (Shutts & Bowen and Skelding & Cox).

BACKGROUND:

At the regularly scheduled Commission meeting of June 18, 2002, the Board directed staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for state lobbying services for 2003. On September 17, 2002, the Board received an agenda item requesting selection of a consulting firm for 2003 state lobbying services (Attachment #1).

ANALYSIS:

At the September 17th Commission meeting, the Board directed staff to negotiate a contract with both the Shutts & Bowen and Skelding & Cox Firms for the 2003 state legislative cycle in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 per firm. Based on the Board's direction, staff negotiated two separate contracts, with each firm, for \$40,000 per firm. Representatives from each firm have signed their contracts with the Board for 2003 state lobbying services. Staff is requesting Board approval of the contracts and authorization for the Chairman to execute them (Attachment #2).

OPTIONS

- 1. Approve the contracts with the Shutts & Bowen and Skelding & Cox Firms (respectively) for \$40,000, per firm, for 2003 state lobbying services and authorize the Chairman to execute.
- 2. &#Do not approve of the contracts for 2003 state lobbying services.
- 3. Board Direction.

RECOMMENDATION

Option #1

Attachments:

1. September 24, 2002, Agenda Item: "Selection of Consultants for 2003 State Lobbying Services"